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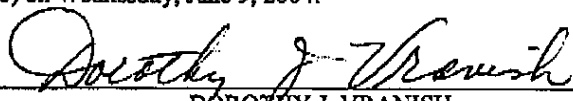
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Sir:

In view of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 4, 2004, the Preliminary Amendment previously filed May 19, 2004 is being replaced herewith so as to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112 as stated in the Final Office action mailed July 30, 2002.

Amendment to the Claim is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 3 of this paper.